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## CO-OP ELECTS SATO PRESIDENT FOR NEW TERM

Yoriyuki Sato was elected president of the Gila River Co-op at a meeting of the Congress of Delegates held March 21.

Assisting him will be the following officers and committee men, who will serve for six months beginning the first of April:

Vice president - Shobei Sasaki, executive secretary - Tsuruzo Hasegawa, assistant secretary - Hitoshi Nagamatsu.

Executive committee:

1 - Auditing committee: Gengi Endo, Wataru Kawata, Soichi Nakatani.

2 - Liquidation management and merchandise committee: Shobei Sasaki, Shinpei Tanaka, Bunji Ikenoue, Ippai Takano.

3 - Education committee: Kichibei Ito, Toyotoshi Matsuzaki, Yoriyuki Sato.

4 - Legal committee: Tokio Shirakawa, Shikazo Mano.

5 - Personnel committee: Yoriyuki Sato, Bunji Ikenoue.

## RELOCATED ISSEI GET ASSISTANCE

Issei need have no fears of being a financial burden if they should become suddenly destitute, unemployed, ill, or meet death after leaving the Centers.

Mrs. Haru Tanaka, who with her husband, owns a cafe at 2628 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, had employed a number of resettlers, one of whom died recently after a brief illness. To Mrs. Tanaka's knowledge, the deceased friend was a bachelor and had no close relatives. Mrs. Tanaka prepared a statement in Japanese on how the Resettlement Assistance Fund was used to give the late George Yasumatsu

## EVACUEE ARTIST IN PHILADELPHIA

An exhibition of fourteen paintings by Masao Yabuki, formerly of the Central Utah Relocation Center, is being held until April 7 at the Women's University Club in Philadelphia.

His present exhibition in Philadelphia is composed of three paintings done in 1940-1941 at Berkeley; four paintings done at the Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif., in 1942; and eight paintings done during 1944-1945 in Philadelphia and Allentown, Pa., where Yabuki has gone several times on business.

Yabuki received his art training at the University of California in Berkeley, from which he was graduated in 1941. He then studied with Eugen Nouhaus and Margaret O'Brien, and in 1942 received his Master's Degree in Art from the University. Before evacuation his work has been shown at the Oakland, Calif., art gallery and by the Delta Epsilon, art honorary society of the University of California. At Central Utah, he was the head of the Art Department of the Center High School and did some illustration work.

Nakai an appropriate Christian funeral. If anyone can inform Mrs. Tanaka on the whereabouts of the deceased's relatives in Japan, Mrs. Tanaka hopes the friend will get in touch with her. (She wishes to send the ashes to Japan after the war, if the deceased has relatives.)

To cite another example, Mr. Shiyokichi Kobayashi, an Issei, underwent an operation at the St. John's Hospital in St. Louis and his doctor's Bills and hospitalization were all paid by the Social Security Board."

## SEVENTEEN MEN LEAVE RIVERS FOR ACTIVE DUTY

Seventeen men in all, 13 from Butte and 4 from Canal, left for active duty in the U.S. Army Monday night, after a send-off ceremony at the Butte amphitheater.

Hiroji H. Nishimura, chairman for the program, introduced speakers W.C. "Tom" Sawyer and Shimpei Tanaka. Sawyer represented the WRA, and Tanaka spoke in behalf of the Servicemen's Parents and Relatives Association.

The seventeen who left Monday are as follows:

Nob Yoshida	27-3-B
Harry Oyama	55-12-A
Takeshi Abo	28-12-A
George H. Nakai	34-2-B
Katsuyoshi Nakamura	52-13-A
Iwao G. Nakayama	45-7-A
Hitoshi Ouchida	39-2-A
Stephen Ichiki	7-9-C
James T. Imahara	32-7-C
Kiyoshi B. Fujita	58-7-A
Jin Asakura	32-13-C
Taichi H. Yanehiro	57-4-B
Tom Tamaki	58-4-B
Mix W. Yano	23-7-D
Robert Yoshimura	47-14-A
Masaru Okada	21-7-A
Yoshiji Sugahara	36-6-B

## NISEI UNDAUNTED BY INTIMIDATION

Joe Takeda, whose San Jose home was fired upon and set afire, writes to the San Jose WRA officer that "it would take much more than the incident reported to convince us that we are not wanted in this community."

"We are satisfied the attack was perpetrated by a few individual thugs and that it does not in any way reflect the feelings of the people of Santa Clara County and San Jose against our family or any other returning evacuees.

"The report that we had left, or were about to leave our home is entirely without foundation."